



South Coast Air Quality Management District's

Notice of Public Workshops

Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning



**Wednesday, July 27, 2005
1:30 p.m.**

AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Conference Room GB

**Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005
1:30 p.m.**

San Bernardino County
Government Center
385 North Arrowhead Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92415
Board Chambers

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005
Reservations Required
Ramirez, Carlos
Call for Information

CANCELLED

NEW LOCATION

**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005
10:00 a.m.**

Riverside County Admin. Center
4080 Lemon St.
Riverside, CA 92501
4th Floor Conference Room D

**Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005
10:00 a.m.**

Gordon Hoyt Conference Center
201 South Anaheim Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92805
2nd Floor Conference Room

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005
10:00 a.m.**

Southern California Association
of Governments
818 W. Seventh St., 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
San Bernardino Room

Overview of the Workshops

At its May 6, 2005 meeting, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board approved the "Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning" as a tool to assist local governments in developing or revising air quality elements or policies in their General Plans and local planning efforts. AQMD has scheduled a series of 2-hour workshops to discuss the document with its intended users, city planners, managers, and other interested parties. This workshop will be presented in coordination with California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

How AQMD, CARB, and SCAG Documents Relate to One Another

The workshops are designed to overview AQMD's Guidance Document, CARB's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook, and SCAG's Update to the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). Both CARB

and AQMD documents were developed to help local government decisionmakers protect public health from localized air pollution impacts. The AQMD Guidance Document is a user-friendly resource that promotes the voluntary integration of air quality and public health considerations in the air quality element or policies of general plans. AQMD's guidance provides suggested goals, objectives and policies/strategies for six topics that are suggested for inclusion in a General Plan's air quality element: land use, transportation, stationary sources of air pollution, reduction of fugitive dust, energy, and public awareness and education. CARB's Handbook highlights the potential health impacts of incompatible land uses close to air pollution sources, and includes proximity information that local government planners can use to minimize potential health risks. The SCAG RCP is an advisory document that lays out the steps that local governments and other stakeholders may take to support regional objectives such as improved air quality.

The workshops discuss ideas, technical information, and references that planners and decisionmakers can use to implement strategies that will strengthen the partnership between local governments and the AQMD, as well as improving air quality in the four counties in the District.

Other Relevant Information

Copies of the “Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning” may be obtained in advance of the workshops from the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039 or Transportation Programs (909) 396-3271. It can also be downloaded from the AQMD website at www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide.

RSVP

Workshop attendees are requested to RSVP no later than 5 business days prior to a given workshop date to:

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Attendance may be limited at certain locations due to the size of the conference facilities and will be reserved on a first-come basis. Ridesharing is encouraged since parking may be limited at certain locations.